

**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

_____ day _____, 2014

PRESENT: Supervisors
ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.
RESOLUTION HONORING JUSTIN SMITH AS THE 2013
PASO ROBLES WINE COUNTRY WINE INDUSTRY PERSON OF THE YEAR**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2014 the Paso Robles Wine Country Alliance will honor Justin Smith as its 2013 Wine Industry Person of the Year for his outstanding leadership and vision in promoting Paso Robles Wine Country to local, state, national and international wine enthusiast audiences alike; and

WHEREAS, Justin Smith, Founder and Winemaker is a second generation farmer who began making wine in 1998, and with his wife Heather Smith began Saxum Vineyards in 2002; and

WHEREAS, he continues his family’s passion for the land and respect of the farm by taking a minimalist approach to sustainable farming and winemaking, producing wine which is a reflection of the Paso Robles winegrape growing region; and

WHEREAS, Justin has gained critical attention with his award winning wines, most notably a 100 point score and subsequent number one wine in 2010 with Wine Spectator Magazine for his 2007 James Berry Vineyard wine which placed Saxum Vineyards and Paso Robles in the international spotlight; and

WHEREAS, his award as the 2011 San Luis Obispo County Agriculturalist of the Year, consistent mentoring of the region’s up and coming winemakers, consulting with many of Paso Robles’ critically acclaimed wineries and generous philanthropy exemplifies he and his family’s contributions to the betterment of the Paso Robles wine community, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, does hereby honor Justin Smith, Founder and Winemaker of Saxum Vineyards, for being named the 2013 Paso Robles Wine Country Wine Industry Person of the Year.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairperson, Board of Supervisor

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk